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1. REF A LISTS THE SEVEN PLANNED U.S. EXPORT DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS INCLUDING FIVE INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES MISSIONS SCHEDULED IN JAPAN OCTOBER 2-14, 1978. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW REGARDING AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON JAPANESE MARKET FOR THOSE INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES, EMBASSY HAS FOUND THAT ALL THE COMMODITIES LISTED ARE COVERED BY RECENTLY COMPLETED JAPAN SECTORAL SURVEY OR OTHER COMMERCE MARKET SURVEY PROJECTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS EQUIPMENT. NO MARKET RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE ON THIS SUBJECT AND OTHER PUBLISHED DATA AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE IS VERY SCARCE. AS EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THIS INDUSTRY TOGETHER WITH FORECAST IDENTIFICATION FOR U.S. EXPORT POTENTIAL AREAS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE RELEVANT MISSION AS WELL AS OTHER U.S. BUSINESSMEN, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT COMMERCE ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR A MARKET RESEARCH ON AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN JAPAN.

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2. EMBASSY'S COST ESTIMATE FOR THIS RESEARCH WOULD BE \$5,000 OR YEN 1,100,000 WITH MINIMUM 100 DOUBLE SPACED PAGES PLUS TRADE LISTS. AS TO THE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR THIS RESEARCH, EMBASSY SUGGESTS COMMERCE REALLOCATE THE UNUSED FUNDS WHICH WAS ONCE ALLOCATED ON THE OPERATIONAL MARKET RESEARCH FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT, AVIONICS, AND GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT IN JAPAN, WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES WAS CANCELLED

(SEE REF B). IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF COMMERCE AUTHORIZATION FOR FUNDS, EMBASSY WOULD ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVERAL QUALIFIED MARKET RESEARCH FIRMS AND SELECT ONE WHO CAN MEET OUR SHORT DEADLINE AT LOWEST COSTS. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO DEVELOP RESEARCH SPECIFICATIONS ITSELF DESIGNED TO BE BEST SUITED TO THE ACTUAL MARKET SITUATIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE AND SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMERCE ON THIS MATTER. AS EMBASSY HOPES TO HAVE STUDY COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BY END OF JULY, COMMERCE EARLIEST REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MANSFIELD

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